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HAVE DISCUSSED NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSED PLANS AND TIMING WITH PROGRAM AGENCY, AND FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE RESULT OF THAT CONSULTATION:

1. TIMING. SEPT. 1 IS LABOR DAY, SO NOT FEASIBLE START PROGRAM THEN. ALSO, MANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DO NOT GET UNDER WAY THAT EARLY IN SEPTEMBER. PROGRAM AGENCY RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON ARRIVAL WEEKEND SEPT. 6 FOR PROGRAM AGENCY CONSULTATION BEGINNING FOLLOWING WEEK, PLUS SUITABLE PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON.

2. DURATION AND CONTENT OF PROGRAM. PROGRAM AGENCY WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP PROGRAM FOR THESE HIGHLY-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EACH PROGRAM LAST AT LEAST 25 DAYS AND PREFERABLY 30. EVEN THOUGH PER 1974 CPP THE MAIN FOCUS IS UNIVERSITIES OFFERING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, THERE ARE SO MANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD THROUGHOUT THE U.S. BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, THAT AN IV IN THIS FIELD SHOULD HAVE AN

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OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE NOT ONLY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS BUT ALSO SEE WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS CITIES, E.G., PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI, DENVER, ARE DOING IN THE FIELD. A GRANTEE STAYING IN THE U.S. FOR ONLY 15 DAYS WOULD BARELY SKIM THE SURFACE OF WHAT IS BEING DONE RE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. PROGRAM AGENCY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT UNLESS BOTH CANDIDATES CAN STAY AT LEAST 25 DAYS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR ONLY ONE TO COME THIS YEAR, THEN HAVE OTHER COME NEXT YEAR. PROGRAM AGENCY IS PREPARED TO SET UP EITHER INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINED JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS. DEPARTMENT SHARES PROGRAM AGENCY VIEW RE DESIRABILITY LONGER PROGRAM, AND WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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